IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

control information acquiring means for acquiring from a program information

providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program;

identification information acquiring means for acquiring identification information for

identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded;

code information acquiring means for acquiring, on the basis of said identification

information acquired by said identification information acquiring means, code information

for controlling said recording apparatus, said code information ~~being automatically obtained~~

~~from a server apparatus if unavailable in a local memory~~, said code information

correspondingly employed with said control information acquired by said control information

acquiring means, said code information acquiring means comprising:

determination means for determining whether code information corresponding

to said identification information is recorded in a memory of said information

processing apparatus; and

accession means for accessing, if said determination means determines that

said code information is not recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download

said code information; and

transmitting means for transmitting said code information acquired by said code

information acquiring means to said recording apparatus.


Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to

claim 1, wherein said code information instructs said recording apparatus to execute one of

operations for starting and ending a recording session.

Claim 3 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said transmitting means transmits said code information which instructs said recording apparatus to execute a preset recording operation.

Claim 4 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said identification information acquiring means acquires a maker name and a model name of said recording apparatus as said identification information.

Claim 5 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said code information acquiring means acquires said code information through a network.

Claim 6 (Original): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said control information includes broadcast channel information, broadcast date, broadcast start time, and broadcast end time of said program.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising:

a control information acquiring step of acquiring from a program information providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program;

an identification information acquiring step of acquiring identification information for identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded;

a code information acquiring step of acquiring, on the basis of said identification information acquired in said identification information acquiring step, code information for controlling said recording apparatus, said code information being automatically obtained

~~from a server apparatus if unavailable in a local memory~~, said code information

correspondingly employed with said control information acquired [[in]] <u>during</u> said control

information acquiring ~~step~~<u>, said code information acquiring comprising</u>:

<u>determining whether code information corresponding to said identification</u>

<u>information is recorded in a memory of an information processing apparatus; and</u>

<u>accessing, if said determining determines that said code information is not</u>

<u>recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download said code information</u>; and

~~a transmitting step of~~ transmitting said code information acquired [[in]] <u>during</u> said

code information acquiring ~~step~~ to said recording apparatus.


Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A computer-readable carrier, including computer

program instructions which cause a computer to implement a method of information

processing, comprising:

~~a control information acquiring step of~~ acquiring from a program information

providing apparatus control information for controlling preset recording of a program;

~~an identification information acquiring step of~~ acquiring identification information for

identifying a recording apparatus by which said program is recorded;

~~a code information acquiring step of~~ acquiring, on the basis of said identification

information acquired in said identification information acquiring ~~step~~, code information

forcontrolling said recording apparatus, said code information ~~being automatically obtained~~

~~from a server apparatus if available in a local memory~~, said code information correspondingly

employed with said control information acquired [[in]] <u>during</u> said control information

acquiring ~~step~~<u>, said code information acquiring comprising</u>:

<u>determining whether code information corresponding to said identification</u>

<u>information is recorded in a memory of an information processing apparatus; and</u>

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accessing, if said determining determines that said code information is not

recorded in said memory, a server apparatus to download said code information; and

a transmitting step of transmitting said code information acquired [[in]] during said

code information acquiring step to said recording apparatus.